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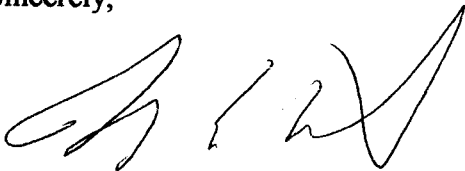
To Whom It May Concern:

On July 31st, two friends and I were fishing for salmon off the Oregon Coast. Inadvertently, I had left a light and pump on which drained my battery to the point that my main motor would not start. Soon after calling the Coast Guard, I received a message back that I would be receiving assistance from WDFW. A few minutes later and they were next to me. Whereas the Coast Guard advised that they would have to tow me in, an ordeal I was not looking forward to as we were about 8 miles from the bay entrance, the crew on your boat lent me a battery to jump start my motor. This not only allowed me to get back much sooner but also allowed your crew to return to their main duties.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the professionalism and courtesy given me in what could have been a significantly worse situation. It was definitely above and beyond the normal call of duty in my opinion. As I have a relative that works for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, I know all too often that in many situations biologists and enforcement personnel are not viewed favorably in the public's eye. You can be assured that I will continue to be a voice of support based on efforts such as this.

The two gentlemen who assisted us were Mr. Dan Chadwick and Mr. Bret Hopkins. I would appreciate it greatly if you would inform both of them and their superiors as to my satisfaction with their efforts.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Biederbeck

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